



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 284

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Current law requires a person who operates a fish farm to register the fish farm annually with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). [See s. 95.60, Stats.] Current law also requires a fish farm operator to obtain an annual fish health certificate for fish eggs or fish reared on the fish farm, with certain exceptions.

The bill repeals the requirement for a fish farm operator to obtain a fish health certificate. In lieu of this requirement, the bill authorizes DATCP to promulgate rules that require any evidence of fish health that DATCP deems necessary.

Assembly Amendment 1 deletes a requirement from current statutes for DATCP to consult with the Department of Natural Resources when it promulgates rules specifying the qualifications a person who is not a veterinarian must have in order to provide evidence of fish health.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by the Assembly Committee on Agriculture on May 15, 2003 and recommended for adoption on May 20, 2003 by a vote of Ayes, 8, Noes, 5. The Assembly Committee on Agriculture recommended passage of Assembly Bill 284 by a vote of Ayes, 13, Noes, 0.

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